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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/430,175; Filed: October 29, 1999
For: **Multiple Marker Characterization of Single Cells**
Inventors: LEŠKO *et al.*
Our Ref: 1887.0020001/JUK/SMW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

An Examiner Interview for the captioned application was conducted on June 21, 2004. Pursuant to the Interview Summary mailed June 22, 2004, which directs Applicants to file a statement of the substance of the interview within one month from the date of the interview, or the mailing date of the Interview Summary Form, whichever is later, if a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed, Applicants submit herewith such a statement.

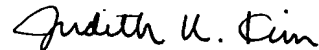
Applicants and Applicants' representative wish to thank Examiner Karen Canella for the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on June 21, 2004.

The Examiner indicated that the finality of the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, has been withdrawn. Further, the Examiner indicated that she will issue another office action in response to the Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed on March 22, 2004.

In the meantime, if the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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